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OVERNIGHT RAMP CLOSURES SCHEDULED IN APRIL FOR UTILITY RELOCATION ALONG THE CENTRAL TRI-STATE (I-294) TOLLWAY

Nightly, full closures planned on ramps connecting I-294, I-290, Lake Street and North Avenue

DOWNERS GROVE, IL — Overnight closures are scheduled to occur again next week at multiple ramps and local roadways along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), including I-290, Lake Street (U.S. Route 20) and North Avenue (Illinois Route 64), to accommodate ComEd transmission line relocation for tower construction adjacent to the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and County Line Road. All work is weather dependent.

“As part of the Illinois Tollway’s dedication to safety, we are committed to prioritizing the safety of both drivers and workers during construction,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “We understand the inconvenience that this approach to roadwork can cause, so we are always working to find ways when possible to reduce the impact of this disruption to our customers.”

Weather permitting, beginning Sunday, April 5, and continuing through April, nightly closures and detours will be scheduled, between midnight and 5 a.m. on Tollway ramps and mainline and between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. on and local roads. The temporary closures are necessary to provide a work zone to safely accommodate relocation of ComEd transmission lines.

Electronic message signs and construction signage will be put in place in advance to alert drivers to the overnight closures and detours. Up-to-date information regarding additional lane closures will also be available in the Illinois Tollway’s [Daily Construction Alerts](#).

Ramp closures for utility relocation will include the following locations. [Detour maps](#) are available on the Tollway’s website:

- Westbound Lake Street to westbound I-290: A detour will be posted routing traffic via Railroad Avenue and North Avenue to westbound I-290.
- Eastbound I-290 to northbound I-294 and North Avenue and Lake Street: Two detours will be posted.
 - For access to North Avenue and Lake Street, a detour will be posted routing traffic via eastbound I-290 to northbound Mannheim Road to reach North Avenue and Lake Street.
 - For access to northbound I-294, a detour will be posted routing traffic via eastbound I-290 and through the Mannheim Road interchange to westbound I-290 to reach northbound I-294.
- Westbound I-290 to eastbound Lake Street/North Avenue. No detour will be posted for this closure.
- Southbound I-294 to westbound I-290: A detour will be posted routing traffic via eastbound I-290 to Mannheim Road and the interchange to west on I-290.

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- Lake Street to Northbound I-294: A detour will be posted routing traffic via Railroad Avenue, North Avenue, Mannheim Road, and Irving Park Road to northbound I-294.

In addition to the ramp closures, local road and tollway closures will also be needed, including:

- A full closure of East Lake Street between County Line Road and Northwest Avenue with a posted detour routing traffic via County Line Road, Grand Avenue and Northwest Avenue.
- On North Avenue at I-294, intermittent full roadway closures, each lasting 15 minutes, will also be needed in both directions between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- On I-294 in both directions in this area, overnight lane closures will also be scheduled during this time, along with intermittent, full lane closures, each lasting 15 minutes between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m.

The closures and detours are being coordinated with the local communities, the Illinois Department of Transportation, DuPage County, Cook County and local fire and police departments.

Work Zone Safety

Construction zone speed limits are in effect in all construction zones 24/7 and drivers should continue to watch for changing traffic patterns and use caution, especially when workers are present.

The Illinois Tollway reminds motorists that the “Move Over Law” requires motorists to change lanes or to slow down and proceed with caution when passing any vehicle on the side of the road with hazard lights activated. If you see flashing lights ahead, please move over or slow down.

Illinois State Police have zero tolerance for drivers speeding in work zones or failure to comply with the Move Over Law. The minimum penalty for speeding in a work zone is \$250 with up to a \$25,000 fine and a 14-year jail sentence for hitting a roadway worker. Penalties for failure to slow down or move over for a vehicle on the shoulder with flashing lights includes up to a \$10,000 fine, 2-year suspension of driving privileges and jail time, in extreme cases.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first eight years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.